IN THE CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below. Applicants propose to amend claims 1, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 30.

1   1. (currently amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2   accepting a posting on a website of a project that a buyer wants completed;

3   providing a database containing all registered sellers;

4   receiving a bid on the project from any seller, where all registered sellers are qualified to

5   bid on postings in all categories individual sellers are not prescreened before they

6   can bid;

7   allowing the buyer to accept the received bid from the seller; and

8   allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace

9   accessible by only the buyer and the seller, where the seller develops and delivers the project in

10   the collaborative workspace and the buyer can track the project in the collaborative workspace

11   before it is complete.

1   2. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a

2   project name.

1   3. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a

2   project description.

1   4. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a

2   category.

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1   5. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a

2   price estimate.

1   6. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a

2   closed auction.

1   7. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in an

2   open auction.

1   8. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a

2   Dutch auction.

1   9. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the collaborative

2   workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   10. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure includes

2   at least one private folder.

1   11. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure includes

2   at least one shared folder.

1   12. (currently amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2   providing a database containing all registered sellers;

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3   accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering by any seller, where <u>all</u>

4   <u>registered sellers are qualified to post in all categories</u> ~~individual sellers are not~~

5   ~~prescreened before they can post~~;

6   receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;

7   generating an optimized list of those service offerings that match more of the buyer's

8   requirements than the rest of the service offerings posted, but not necessarily all

9   of the buyer's requirements;

10   returning the optimized list to the buyer; and

11   accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer.

1   13. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein at least one of the

2   buyer's requirements is inflexible.

1   14. (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list

2   includes service offerings that meet all of the buyer's requirements.

1   15. (previously amended) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the

2   optimized list includes service offerings that meet a subset of the buyer's requirements, the

3   subset being smaller than the buyer's requirements.

1   16. (currently amended) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2   <u>providing a database containing all registered sellers;</u>

3   accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering for a project by any seller, where

4   <u>all registered sellers are qualified to post service offerings in all categories</u>

5   ~~individual sellers are not prescreened before they can post~~;

6   receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;

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7   accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer; and

8   allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace

9   accessible by only the buyer and the seller, where the seller develops and delivers

10   the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can track the project in

11   the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1   17. (canceled)

1   18. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by a buyer comprising:

3   posting a project on a website;

4   providing a database containing all registered sellers;

5   receiving via the website a bid on the project from any seller, where all registered sellers

6   are qualified to bid on postings in all categories individual sellers are not

7   prescreened before they can bid;

8   accepting the bid via the website; and

9   working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace, where the seller

10   develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can

11   track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1   19. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by any seller comprising:

3   providing a database containing all registered sellers;

4   posting a service offering on a website by any seller, where <u>all registered sellers are</u>

5   <u>qualified to post service offerings in all categories</u> ~~individual sellers are not~~

6   ~~prescreened before they can post~~;

7   receiving a purchase request for the service offering from a buyer;

8   accepting the purchase request via the website; and

9   working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace, where the seller

10   develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can

11   track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1   20. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by any seller comprising:

3   <u>providing a database containing all registered sellers;</u>

4   placing a bid by any seller on a project posted by a buyer on a website, where <u>all</u>

5   <u>registered sellers are qualified to bid on postings in all categories</u> ~~individual~~

6   ~~sellers are not prescreened before they can bid~~;

7   receiving via the website an acceptance of the bid by the buyer; and

8   working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace, where the seller

9   develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can

10   track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1   21. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by a buyer comprising:

3   <u>providing a database containing all registered sellers;</u>

4   making a purchase request for a service offering for a project, posted by any seller on a

5   website, where <u>all registered sellers are qualified to post in all categories</u>

6   ~~individual sellers are not prescreened before they can post~~;

7   receiving via the website an acceptance of the purchase request by the seller; and

8   working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace, where the seller

9   develops and delivers the project in the collaborative workspace and the buyer can

10   track the project in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

1   22. (previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the buyer

2   does not take part in generating the optimized list.

1   23. (previously presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the seller

2   does not take part in generating the optimized list.

1   24. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein both the

2   buyer and the seller rate each other.

1   25. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 16, wherein the

2   collaborative workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   26. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 18, wherein the

2   collaborative workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   27. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 19, wherein the

2   collaborative workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   28. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 20, wherein the

2   collaborative workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   29. (previously presented) The computer implemented method of claim 21, wherein the

2   collaborative workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

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5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   30. (currently amended) The computer implemented method of claim 12, further comprising the

2   seller developing and delivering the service in ~~the~~ a collaborative workspace and the buyer being

3   capable of tracking the service in the collaborative workspace before it is complete.

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